



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

SASAKI et al.

Serial No. 09/516,176

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For: INK-JET RECORDING MATERIAL AND INK-JET RECORDING METHOD

Attorney Docket No. 46137

Confirmation No. 3428

Group Art Unit: 1773

Examiner: Le, Hoa T.

TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Response in the above-captioned application. The fee has been calculated as shown below. *(Small entity fees indicated in parentheses.)*

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)	(6)	(7)
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	27	-	27		0	50.00	\$0
(Small Entity)						(25.00)	
Independent claims	6	-	6		0	200.00	\$0
(Small Entity)						(100.00)	
Multiple Dependent	0	-	0		0	360.00	\$0
(Small Entity)						(180.00)	
Extension of Time	One Month		Two Months		Three Months	Four Months	
Fee	\$120		\$450		\$1,020	\$1,590	\$0
(Small Entity)	(\$60)		(\$225)		(\$510)	\$795	
IDS							\$0
Total							\$0

The above fees are believed to be correct. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0687 under the above Attorney Docket Number for which purpose this paper is submitted in duplicate. **CUSTOMER NO. 20736**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 USC 121 and 372, set forth in the Office Action dated May 17, 2005, the applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I containing claims 1-4, 9 and 17-22.

The applicants respectfully point out that the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action does not include pending claim 16. The applicants further point out that claim 16 is directed to the same subject matter as the claims of elected Group I ("...hollow and flaky titanium dioxide particles and method of making thereof". In fact, claim 17 of Group I depends upon claim 16. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request that claim 16 be added to Group I.

Additionally, the applicants respectfully point out that claim 4 of Group I recites a process for producing a fine hollow powder of claim 1 (also of Group I) which comprises a step of spray drying an exfoliated titania sol. Claims 5, 6 and 8-10 depend upon base claim 4. The applicants submit that the exfoliated titania sol recited in claims 5, 6, and 8-10 accordingly has corresponding special technical features under PCT Rule 13.2 such that the subject matter of claims 5, 6 and 8-10 relate to the single general

inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 as do the claims of Group I, including base claim 4. Accordingly, the applicants submit that in view of the foregoing, claims 5, 6 and 8-10 are directed to the same invention as the claims in Group I and should thus be added to Group I. The applicants respectfully ask that claims 5, 6, and 8-10 be added to Group I.

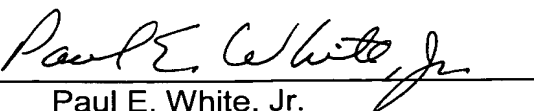
Finally, the applicants respectfully point out that claim 10, discussed above as properly being a member of Group I, is the base claim of claims 11, 12 and 14. The applicants submit that the alkali metal titanate and method of making thereof of claims 11-12 and layered titanate compound of claim 14 accordingly have corresponding special technical features under PCT Rule 13.2 such that the subject matter of claims 11, 12 and 14 relate to the single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 as do the claims of Group I, including base claim 10 (which depends upon claim 4). The applicants submit that in view of the foregoing, claims 11, 12 and 14 are directed to the same invention as the claims in Group I and should thus be added to Group I. The applicants respectfully ask that claims 11, 12 and 14 be added to Group I.

In view of the above, the applicants request that claims 16, 5, 6, 8-10, 11, 12 and 14 be added to elected Group I.

Entry and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested.

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